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This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the time period for responding to the Final Office Action dated August 14, 2002 in the above-captioned patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the time period for reply be extended for a period of **three** months, from **December 14, 2002** up to and including

February 14, 2003.

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